

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW MEXICO

## Convention 2009 Meeting

May 16-17, 2009 - Albuquerque

Nativo Lodge, 6000 Pan American Freeway NE

### Saturday, May 16, 2009

**Call to Order:** The 2009 Convention of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Welcome and announcements:** President Campbell welcomed the delegates, observers and visitors to the convention. (See attached list)

#### **Announcements:**

- Housekeeping and food announcements were made. A break is scheduled around 10 a.m.
- Donors of auction items were thanked. Auction items are available in the back of the room, and bidding will continue until 7:30 p.m. Results will be posted at Sunday's morning session when items may be paid for and picked up. Bidders were thanked in advance for their purchases.

#### **Appointments:**

- Johnnie Aldrich, LWVNM Membership Chair, will be our Credentials committee Chair for this two-day meeting.
- Our Parliamentarian is Julia McIntosh, a registered Parliamentarian. She is past president of the Albuquerque Parliamentarian Unit, a member of the New Mexico State Association of Parliamentarians, and the National Association of Parliamentarians.
- The President identified Karen Douglas (Saturday) and William Little (Sunday) as timekeepers.
- The President identified Susan Heide and Andrea Targhetta as vote counters.
- The President introduced Bonnie Burn, LWVNM secretary, as the recorder for the two-day convention..

**Introductions and Recognitions:** All delegates and observers were given this opportunity to introduce themselves.

**Credential Committee Report:** The President recognized Credentials Chair, Johnnie Aldrich who reported that according to the LWVNM Bylaws, "Forty percent of the possible number of voting delegates, other than members of the state board, shall constitute a quorum, provided that there is representation from a majority of local Leagues. Attendance is 31. We have a quorum.

**Motion: On behalf of the committee, Aldrich moved and Burn seconded that the roll of delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the convention—31.** We have a quorum.

The motion was approved unanimously by majority vote.

**Adoption of Convention Rules:** The President moved to the next item of business, Adoption of the Convention Rules, that required a two-thirds vote for adoption.

**Motion: Burn moved and Burr seconded that the Rules for the Convention be adopted as presented.**

Amendment 1: During discussion, Calef proposed and Machen seconded an amendment to limit each speaker to one minute when considering the bylaws because there are seventeen amendments.

The question was called, the vote taken and Amendment carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Rules of the Convention as amended passed unanimously with a two-thirds standing vote.

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**Adoption of Order of Business or Agenda:** The President asked for changes to the Order of Business or Agenda. There were none. President asked those in favor to say “aye”. Those opposed to say “no”. The ayes have it and the agenda is adopted.

**Appointment of 2009 Minutes Approval Committee:** Without objection the Chair appointed Helen Wright and Gayle Prinkey to approve the minutes of this 2009 Convention. Since there was no objection, the minutes approval committee is appointed..

**Report of the Treasurer:** The President called for the Treasurer’s report. Cheryl Haaker, nominated Treasurer, who has been working with Diane Albert, outgoing treasurer, during the transition period, gave an extensive year-end report. The Report of the Treasurer will be filed for the record.

The President thanked Diane for bringing order out of chaos in the books of our League, for getting the League into good standing with the Public Regulation Committee (PRC), the Attorney General of NM, and other powers that be, and for working with our incoming treasurer to produce a portfolio description that will ensure that future Treasurers can maintain the high standards that she has set.

**Reports:** The President introduced the next order of convention business: Bylaws, Budget, Nominations, and several aspects of Program.

**Report of the Bylaws Committee:** Barbara Calef presented the report of the Bylaws Committee that included the following recommended bylaw changes:

- to adopt a two-year budget cycle
- to change convention notification requirement to 30 days.
- to clean up amendments regarding references to members-at-large (MALs).
- to clean-up amendment to Article VII, Financial Administration, Section 3, Dues and Per Member Payment
- to clean-up other bylaws.

Clarifying questions were asked. Discussion, debate, and adoption will occur at Sunday’s session.

**Report of the Budget Committee:** Dick Mason presented the report of the Budget Committee. He first thanked members of the committee, Rosemarie Frederickson, Cathy Mathews, Adair Waldenberg, and Diane Albert, *ex officio*. In explanation, he noted that a review of financial information revealed that League expenses appear to occur in two-year cycles; thus, the Committee supports adoption of a two-year budget. The Committee is recommending that:

- a total of \$1,100 in grants be offered to local Leagues to offset the upcoming 2009-2010 increase in LWVUS per member payment.
- a \$4,000 fund raiser be undertaken and a Fund Raising Committee identified at convention.

For clarification: Delegates asked about the impact of State fund raising on member contributions to local Leagues, and the impact that a four year general election cycle has on the State budget. Budget chair, Dick Mason, clarified that guidelines that support financial planning around the goals of the strategic plan are currently not considered in developing the budget. It was noted that the current proposed budget does not have an allocation to cover the \$300 fee for the virtual LWVUS Council meeting wherein two delegates will require computer hook-ups. As information, Mason mentioned that the LWVUS Education Fund resides within the larger LWVUS Education Fund.

**Report of the Nominating Committee:** Marnie Leverett presented the report of the Nominating Committee. She commended the Nominating Committee members, Jan Bray, Rebecca Shankland, Jody Larson, and Lora Lucero. Nominees represent all four local Leagues. The Slate of Officers and Directors was read. President Campbell noted that presidents of local Leagues are automatically members of the

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Board. Up to six directors may be nominated. Four have been identified and two more directors could be elected at this Convention. Possible portfolios include directors of elections and public relations. Off-board positions are also possible, which means one does not have to attend board meetings, but does have to do essential League work. The President opened nominations from the floor. There were none. She announced that the slate of officers would be presented on Sunday. There will be another opportunity for nominations from the floor then.

**BREAK (9:45 a.m.)**– The President recessed the convention until 10:00 a.m.

**10:00 a.m.** – The President reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**PROGRAM:** The next order of business introduced by the President were several items related to Program. She explained that there are three parts to what we call the “League Program”: prioritization, or program planning; position development; and advocacy.

**Report of the Action Committee:** The President called on Dick Mason and Barbara Calef, co-chairs, LWVNM’s Action Committee, that is responsible for advocacy. Preceding Mason’s report, President Campbell mentioned that program advocacy is prioritized by the Action Committee based upon direction to the board at Convention or annual meeting and by those who participate in the Action Committee teleconferences. As the legislative session nears, the Action Committee presents recommendations for program advocacy for final approval by the Board.

Mason referred delegates to the Action Committee Report published in *La Palabra*, Spring 2009. He reviewed bills involving ethics and election reform, natural resources, social issues and education. Two transparency bills were passed that required the Human and Health Services Department to provide more data; these were pocket vetoed by the Governor. SunCal TIDD were defeated and the death penalty abolished. A change in funding formula for education was not passed.

In other matters, League Day at the Legislature was successful but attendance was not as great as expected. The League’s table in Round House was successful. The Action Committee will be discussing the option of starting advocacy early—perhaps when the Interim Committees meet this summer. Advocacy on the national advocacy issues of health care and climate change is ongoing.

Shankland thanked Mason and Campbell for increased League visibility in the Legislature. The LWVNM listserv helped keep members informed of legislative votes related to League advocacy priorities—especially if members were unable to participate in Action Committee teleconference.

Delegates were reminded that the Action Committee meets monthly by phone during most of the year and weekly during Legislative Session. Each League has a phone calling card that can be purchased for about \$30 for 1,000 minutes.

President Campbell thanked Dick Mason for all the hard work he has done for our League over the last several years, together with co-chairs Barbara Calef and Dee Watkins. Under their direction, the Action Committee has become more effective and better organized. Delegates seconded this recognition with applause. On the subject of prioritization, what seems to happen in practice is that those areas in which there is interest and expertise on the Action Committee are those that get the most attention in our advocacy efforts. President Campbell hoped that more members of the League will consider joining the committee to help with this very important part of the program.

**Positions:** The President directed delegates to the existing LWVNM Position statements included in the convention packet. She noted that the only change since our 2007 Convention is the new position on

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Apportionment and Redistricting that was adopted by the board of directors in January 2009 following the completion of the study that was approved at the 2007 Convention.

**Report on Fair Representation Study and New Position:** The President called on Cheryl Haaker to present the report. She referenced the study committee's final report and new position published on p. 7, *La Palabra*. She reviewed the process of study, member education, and consensus. The Committee is not asking for a continuation but will participate in advocacy about redistricting after the 2010 census is verified. Three bills on redistricting were proposed in the 2009 Legislative Session. One was passed, freezing the precinct boundaries during the census, and the other two, independent commission and constitutional revision committee, died in committee.

The President thanked Cheryl for proposing and leading an exemplary study. She noted that the committee worked hard, limited its scope, proposed a good set of consensus questions, led the League to consensus, and produced a position that we can use, all within about a year and a half. Delegates seconded this recognition with applause.

The President noted that the LWVNM Board will be recommending at Sunday's session that all of the positions be retained unchanged. This will include the Apportionment and Redistricting position adopted in January 2009.

Delegates were invited to ask questions for clarification. None were forthcoming.

**Recommended Study:** President Campbell made clear that all proposals for new or continuing studies came from local Leagues to the State Board. The board reviews the proposals with the following questions in mind:

- Are there members, drawn from many local Leagues, available to work on the issue?
- Is the problem one that can be addressed by governmental, as opposed to private, action?
- Is the issue one in which the League is likely to make a difference in the outcome?

Based on these criteria, the board is recommending only one study for 2009-2011, a one-year continuation of the water study that was approved in 2007. The President called on Barbara Calef to present this proposal.

Barbara Calef presented the proposal that the two-year study of water supply and demand in New Mexico, approved at the 2007 convention, be continued. During the past two years, the Los Alamos League conducted its own water study wherein much information was compiled that can be used for the state study. During 2009-2010, it is anticipated that unit meetings will be held throughout the state and that consensus questions will be ready for Board approval by September.

Delegates were invited to ask questions for clarification. None were forthcoming.

**Non-recommended Program:** The President noted that according to our bylaws, local Leagues may bring program recommendations to Convention even if not approved by the State Board, provided such proposals have been submitted by three weeks before Convention. Such proposals require a majority vote today in order to be considered on Sunday. Each proposal, if moved forward, will require a two-thirds vote tomorrow to be adopted.

The President recognized Meredith Machen

**Education Position Proposed Changes:** Meredith Machen, president, LWV Santa Fe County, proposed language changes to the current Education position. The language changes two bullets (see underlined words) in the position:

- Bullet three - the involvement by members of the community in efforts to improve their public schools, college, and universities.
- Bullet four - the use of health and social service tems in the schools to identify and work with at-risk children and their parents with referrals to appropriate community agencies when necessary.

**Motion: Meredith Machen moved and Dick Mason seconded to place the proposed change to the Education position be brought to a vote at Sunday's session.**

During discussion it was noted that at-risk children have individuals other than parents who take care of them (bullet four) and more general terms like primary, secondary, post-secondary might be used in bullet three. Changes like this can be presented as amendments during the adoption of program section at Sunday's session.

Motion passed unanimously with a majority vote.

**Other Business:** To the question, "Is there any other intent to move program or other items on Sunday, President Campbell recognized Marjorie Burr."

Resolution on Single Payer Health Care : In the absence of Vicki Simons, Marjorie Burr proposed a resolution by LWVNM urging Board of LWVUS to allow local and state Leagues to support single-payer legislation. She deferred to Dick Mason for further discussion.

**Motion: Marjorie Burr moved and Lora Lucero seconded that the Resolution on Single Payer Health Care be placed on the agenda for the Sunday Session of the Convention.**

Motion passed with majority vote. There was one nay vote.

To the question, "Is there any other intent to move program or other items on Sunday," President Campbell recognized Barbara Calef.

Resolution Authorizing Minor Bylaws Changes: Barbara Calef proposed a resolution that would allow the Bylaws Committee Chair to make certain corrections to the bylaws.

**Motion: Barbara Calef moved and Helen Wright seconded that the Resolution to Authorize Bylaws Committee Chair to Make Certain Corrections to the Bylaws be placed on the agenda for Sunday's Session of Convention.**

The motion passed unanimously with a majority vote required..

Hearing no other intent to move program or other items on Sunday, President Campbell moved on to announcements.

#### **Announcements**

- Silent Auction items are displayed and ready for bidding. The silent auction will close approximately 15 minutes before the speaker begins. Results will be announced at Sunday's morning session.
- Lunch is on Mezzanine at Noon and Jody Larson will speak about the Santa Fe County Government Transparency Project.
- Workshops this afternoon are: (1) at 1:30 p.m., Carolie Mullan, LWVUS board liaison for New Mexico about "Developing League Leadership" and (2) 2:40 p.m., Ruth Hoffman, NM Voices for Children, about "NM State Budget Process."
- Cash bar is open at 6:30 p.m., the Banquet is at 7 p.m., and Doug Fernandez, KOA-TV, is the guest speaker.

- Delegates were invited to caucus about any of the agenda items covered so far. Time was available from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. and after the banquet tonight. Space has to be identified.
- State Board will meet on Sunday post-Convention, Nativo Lodge. All are invited to observe. Please let President Campbell know if you want lunch.
- LWVUS Council will hold a virtual council, 6/13, 11 a.m., Albuquerque. The State has two delegates that will hook into the conference in the Central New Mexico League area. Observers are welcomed.
- Climate Change Symposium: Lucero announced that New Mexico and other states were invited by LWVUS to engage legislators and local citizens in a climate change symposium. Lucero is working with Senator Bingaman's office to establish a date for the symposium sometime in mid-August at a location in Albuquerque. It is a statewide event and all League members are invited to participate. This could be a fundraising and membership recruitment opportunity.
- Quilt: Burn announced that the Las Cruces League is selling raffle tickets for an Americana Quilt. Purchase tickets (\$5 for 1 and \$10 for 3) from Marjorie Burr.
- Every Vote Equal: Jody Larson sought the member who wanted her second copy of this book, and it turned out to be Cheryl Haaker.
- Carolie Mullan, LWVUS Liaison, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Kathy Campbell, who, in turn, thanked the Board for their efforts during the past two years.
- Cheryl Haaker announced the next meeting of the Fair Representation Study Group. Participation is by meeting and teleconference.
- Sign-up sheet for LWVNM Topics and Action Committee listservs are available.

**Adjourned:** At 10:55 a.m., the President announced the meeting was adjourned to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 17.

**Note:** Between adjournment and lunch candidates for the state board introduced themselves and took questions from the delegates.

### Sunday, May 17, 2009

**Call to Order:** The 2009 Convention of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico was called to order at 8:37 a.m.

#### **Announcements:**

1. There is no scheduled formal break. Delegates may take a break as needed.

**Credential Committee Report:** The President recognized the chair, Credential's Committee, Johnnie Aldrich, who reported that according to the LWVNM Bylaws, "Forty percent of the possible number of voting delegates, other than members of the state board, shall constitute a quorum, provided that there is representation from a majority of local Leagues. Attendance is 33 plus 3 observers. We have a quorum.

**Motion: On behalf of the committee, Johnnie Aldrich moved and Bonnie Burn seconded that the roll of delegates hereby submitted be the official roll of the voting members of the convention—33.**

Motion passed unanimously by majority vote..

**Information:** When a motion is directed by the board or committee a second is not needed. Motion must pass with two-thirds vote of delegates

**Adoption of Bylaws Changes:** The President called on Barbara Calef, Bylaws Committee chair to present the proposed bylaw amendments. Each change to the bylaws amendments required a two-thirds vote, although amendments to the main motion required only a majority vote.



Adopt a Two-Year Budget Cycle - Change #1

**Motion:** By direction of the committee, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #1 to amend Article VII. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION Section 4. Budget Committee. By striking out “or Council” in the first sentence.

Amendment 1: Eileen Longsworth moved and Dick Mason seconded to amend line 4 by adding “balanced” before budget, “two” before fiscal, and add “s” to year. Amendment passed unanimously with a majority vote.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Revised section reads: Section 4. Budget Committee. The state board shall appoint a budget committee at least four months in advance of Convention. The Treasurer shall be ex officio member of the Committee and shall not serve as chair. The Committee shall prepare a balanced budget for the next two fiscal years and present it to the State Board for approval.*

Adopt a Two-Year Budget Cycle - Change #2

**Motion:** By direction of the committee, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment 2 to amend Article VII. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION Section 5. Budget Committee. by inserting “two” before fiscal years and adding “The state board shall review the budget prior to the succeeding Council and distribute proposed modifications at least 30 days prior to the Council. Modifications may be made by the Council.”

Motion passed unanimously

*Revised section reads: Section 5. Budget. The state board shall approve and distribute a proposed budget for the next two fiscal years to the membership at least 45 days prior to the Convention. A budget shall be adopted by the Convention. The state board shall review the budget prior to the succeeding Council and distribute proposed modifications at least 30 days prior to the Council. Modifications may be made by the Council.*

Adopt a Two-Year Budget Cycle - Change #3

**Motion:** By direction of the committee, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #3 to amend Article VIII. CONVENTION Section 5. Powers. to read, “The Convention shall consider and adopt a program for study and action, shall elect officers and directors, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing two years, and shall transact such other business as may be presented.”

Amendment 1: Eileen Longsworth moved and Dee Watkins seconded to amend Change #3 by adding the word, “balanced,” before budget. The Amendment passed unanimously by majority vote.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Revised section reads: Section 5. Powers. The Convention shall consider and adopt a program for study and action, shall elect officers and directors, shall adopt a balanced budget for the ensuring two years, and shall transact such other business as my be presented.*

Adopt a Two-Year Budget Cycle - Change #4

**Motion:** By direction of the committee, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #4 to amend Article IX. COUNCIL Section 3. Powers. subsection b. to strike out “adopt a” and insert “confirm or modify the” before budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

*Revised section reads: Section 3. Powers.*

- b. *The Council shall confirm or modify the budget for the ensuing year and shall transact such other business as shall be presented by the state board.*

Adopt Convention Notification Requirements to 30 days – Change #5

**Motion: By direction of the board, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #5 to amend Article VIII. CONVENTION. Section 1. Place, Date, and Call; Article X. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS. Section 3. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor; Article XI. PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAMS. Section 2. Programs. Subsection b.; and Article XIV. AMENDMENTS to strike out “45” and insert “30” before the word days.**

Motion passed unanimously.

*Revised section reads: Article VIII. CONVENTION. Section 1. Place, Date, and Call. A Convention of the LWVNM shall be held biennially at a time and place to be determined by the state board. The president shall send a first call for Convention to the membership not less than four months prior to the opening date of the Convention fixed in said call. Thereafter the state board may advance or postpone the opening date of the Convention by not more than two weeks. A final call for the Convention shall be sent to the membership at least 30 days before Convention.*

*Revised section reads: Article X. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS. Section 3. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the nominating committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and chairman and two members of the succeeding nominating committee shall be presented to the State Board and sent to the membership at least 30 days before the date of the Convention.*

*Revised section reads: Article XI. PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAMS. Section 2 Program.*

- b. *The state board shall consider these recommendations and formulate a proposed program which shall be sent to the membership at least 30 days prior to the Convention.*

*Revised section reads: Article XIV. AMENDMENTS. These bylaws may be amended at any Convention by a two-thirds vote provided that the proposed amendment was submitted to the state board at least three months prior to the Convention by a local League board or state MAL unit or has been proposed by the state board. The state board shall send all such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the board to the membership at least 30 days prior to the Convention.*

3a. Clean-Up Amendments – References to MALs - Change #6

**Motion: By direction of the committee, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #6 to amend Article III. MEMBERSHIP to introduce the abbreviation “MAL” with the first mention of “members at large”. In Section 2. Types of Membership. a. Voting Members. insert “members-at-large” before (MAL), and in subbullet 2 of this section, replace “members-at-large (MAL)” with the abbreviation MALs.**

Motion passed unanimously.

*Revised section reads: Section 2. Types of Membership*

- a. *Voting Members. Citizens of at least 18 years of age, residing within New Mexico who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues or state members-at-large (MAL) units, and of the LWVNM and LWVUS.*
- 1. Individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local Leagues;*
  - 2. Those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a Local League or shall be state MALs.*



3a. Clean-Up Amendments – References to MALs - Change #7

**Motion: By direction of the committee, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #7 to amend Article V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS (STATE BOARD) Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office by striking out “and provisional” before Leagues and adding “and MAL units”.**

Motion passed unanimously.

*Revised section reads: Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The board of directors shall be members of LWVNM and shall consist of the officers of the LWVNM, not more than six elected directors, not more than six appointed directors and the presidents of local Leagues and MAL units.*

3a. Clean-Up Amendments – References to MALs - Change #8

**Motion: By direction of the committee, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #8 to amend Article VIII. CONVENTION Section 4. Representation. by striking out “the state board MAL chairperson, whether on or off board” and adding “a MAL representative to be selected by the state board”.**

Motion passed unanimously.

*Revised section reads: Section 4. Representation. The members of the LWVUS who are organized into recognized local Leagues and state MAL units in the state of New Mexico shall be entitled to voting representation in the Convention as follows:*

*c. Members-at-Large shall be represented by a MAL representative to be selected by the state board.*

3b. Clean-Up Amendment To Article VII, Section 3- Change #9

**Motion: By direction of the board, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #9 to amend Article VII. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION Section 3. a and b. Dues by striking out the entire section and inserting new sections 3 and 4 as follows:**

**Section 3: Dues**

- a. Members enrolled in local Leagues shall pay annual dues as adopted at Annual Meeting.**
- b. Dues for members-at-large (MALs) will be recommended by the State Board and adopted at State Convention.**

**Section 4. Per Member Payment**

- a. Each local League shall make an annual per member payment (PMP) to the LWVNM for Local League members, additional members in a common household, student members, and associated members, the amount to be determined at state Convention by a three-fifths vote of the delegates.**
- b. Each local League shall pay the per member payment in full directly to LWVNM by December 31 of each calendar year. Sixty-days prior to per member payment due date, Treasurer will forward an advanced notice of payment due.**
- c. The state treasurer shall make a per member payment to LWVUS for each MAL in accordance with the bylaws and procedures of LWVUS.**

**(And the subsequent sections to be renumbered.)**

Amendment 1 Adair Waldenberg moved and Meredith Machen seconded to add wording that local Leagues will be invoiced 60 days in advance of required per member payment.

The Amendment passed unanimously by majority vote.

Motion, as amended, passed unanimously.  
*Revised section reads as written above.*

3b. Other Clean-Up: Punctuation, typos, etc – Change #10

**Motion: By direction of the board, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #10 to amend Article IV. OFFICERS Section 1. Enumeration, Election, and Duties of Officers. and Article V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS (STATE BOARD) Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. by striking out “by” and inserting “at the” before the word Convention.**

Motion passed unanimously.

*Revised section reads: Article IV. OFFICERS Section 1. Enumeration, Election, and Duties of Officers. The officers of the LWVNM shall be president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. They shall be elected at the Convention and shall take office immediately after the Convention.*

*Article V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS (STATE BOARD) Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The board of directors shall be members of LWVNM and shall consist of the officers of LWVNM, not more than six elected directors, not more than six appointed directors, and the presidents of local and provisional Leagues. The elected directors shall be elected at the Convention and shall take office immediately after the Convention.*

3b. Other Clean-Up: Punctuation, typos, etc – Change #11

**Motion: By direction of the board, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #11 to amend Article VIII CONVENTION Section 2 Composition. by striking out “the presidents of the local Leagues or an alternate in the event the president is unable to attend”.**

Motion passed unanimously.

*Revised section reads: Section 2. Composition. The Convention shall consist of the delegates chosen by the members through the local Leagues and state MAL units as prescribed in Section 4 of this article, and the members of the state board of LWVNM.*

3b. Other Clean-Up: Punctuation, typos, etc – Change #12

**Motion: By direction of the committee, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #12 to amend Article VIII. CONVENTION Section 4. Representation. Subsection d. by striking out “January” and inserting “February” before first.**

Motion passed unanimously.

*Revised section reads: Section 4. Representation.*

- d. Number of delegates shall be established by membership count of paid voting members as of February first of said year.*

3b. Other Clean-Up: Punctuation, typos, etc – Change #13

**Motion: By direction of the committee, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #13 to amend Article VIII. CONVENTION. Section 6. Quorum. by striking out “then” and inserting “than” before “members”.**

Motion passed unanimously

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*Revised section reads: Section 6. Quorum. Forty percent of the possible number of voting delegates other than members of the state board, shall constitute a quorum provided that there is representation from a majority of local Leagues.*

3b. Other Clean-Up: Punctuation, typos, etc – Change #14

**Motion: By direction of the committee, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #14 to amend Article IX. COUNCIL Section 2. Composition. by inserting “and” after League and striking “and” after the word “Unit” and correcting comma punctuation as needed.**

Motion passed unanimously.

*Revised section reads: Section 2. Composition. The Council shall be composed of the following delegates: The presidents of the local Leagues, or an alternate in the event the President is unable to attend; one delegate chosen by each local League, and each state MAL unit, a MAL representative to be selected by the state board, and all members of the state board of the LWVNM.*

3b. Other Clean-Up: Punctuation, typos, etc – Change #15

**Motion: By direction of the committee, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #15 to amend Article IX. COUNCIL Section 3. Powers. Subsection a. by striking out “45” and inserting “30” before the word “days”.**

Motion passed unanimously.

*New section reads: Section 3. Powers. The Council shall give guidance to the board on program and methods of work.*

- a. *The Council is authorized to change the program only in the event of an emergency, provided; 1) notice of proposed changes shall have been sent to the presidents of the local Leagues at least 30 days in advance of the meeting of the Council and 2) the change is adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Council.*

3b. Other Clean-Up: Punctuation, typos, etc – Change #16

**Motion: By direction of the board, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #16 to amend Article X. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS. Section 1. Nominating Committee. By striking out the entire section and inserting a new section as follows: The nominating committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the state board. The chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the state board, shall be elected by the Convention. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current nominating committee. The other members of the committee shall be appointed by the state board. Any vacancy occurring in the nominating committee by reason of death, resignation, or disqualification shall be filled by the state board. The name and contact information of the chairman of the nominating committee shall be published in the state newsletter and on the state web site.**

Amendment 1: Marjorie Burr moved and Meredith Machen seconded to amend Change #16 to change the word “chairman” to “chairperson”. Amendment failed.

Amendment 2: Adair Waldenburg moved and Meredith Machen seconded to amend Change #16 to change the word “chairman” to “chair”. Amendment passed.

Amendment 3: Cheryl Haaker moved and Becky Shankland seconded to amend Change #16 to delete publishing the name and contact information on the state website. Haaker and Shankland withdrew the amendment because privacy matters will be settled in another procedural way.

Amendment 4: Jennice Fishburn moved and Meredith Machen seconded to amend Change #16 to delete the following words at the beginning of the sentence: “The name and” and to change the second “of” to “for”. The sentence would then read: “Contact information for the chair of the nominating committee shall be published in the state newsletter and on the state web site.” The purpose of this amendment was to allow an “alias” to be used for privacy purposes on the LWVNM website. Amendment passed.

Motion as amended passed unanimously.

*New section reads: The nominating committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the state board. The chair and two members, who shall not be members of the state board, shall be elected by the Convention. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current nominating committee. The other members of the committee shall be appointed by the state board. Any vacancy occurring in the nominating committee by reason of death, resignation, or disqualification shall be filled by the state board. Contact information for the chair of the nominating committee shall be published in the state newsletter and on the state web site.*

3b. Other Clean-Up: Punctuation, typos, etc – Change #17

**Motion: By direction of the committee, Barbara Calef moved the adoption of Amendment #17 to amend Article XI. PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAMS Section 2 Program. Subsection a. and Article XIV. AMENDMENTS by striking “three” and inserting “two” before the word months, and inserting “or” before the words “state MAL”.**

Motion passed unanimously

*New section reads:*

*Article XI. PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAMS. Section 2. Program. The program of LWVNM shall consist of action to implement the Principles and those governmental issues chosen by the Convention for concerted study and action as follows:*

- a. The boards of local Leagues and state MAL units may make recommendations for a program to the state board at least two months prior to the Convention.*

*Article XIV. AMENDMENTS.*

*These bylaws may be amended at any Convention by a two-thirds vote provided that the proposed amendment was submitted to the state board at least two months prior to the Convention by a local League board, or state MAL unit or has been proposed by the state board. The state board shall send all such proposed amendments together with the recommendations of the board to the membership at least 45 days prior to the Convention.*

**Adoption of the Budget:** The President calls on Dick Mason to present the proposed budget.

**Motion: By direction of the board Dick Mason moved to adopt the 2009-2011 budget.**

Before discussion ensued, Cheryl Haaker presented corrections to the Assets section of the year-end Treasurer’s Report given on Saturday. The corrections are as follows:

- \$4,422.74 – Wells Fargo Checking Account
- \$2,624.39 – Wells Fargo Savings Account
- \$6,604.00 – Wells Fargo CD (0.75%)
- \$378.89 – U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Account
- \$14,030.02 – Total Asset Value

Amendment 1: Eileen Longsworth moved and Becky Beckett seconded a transfer of money from reserves to cover the deficits in the amounts needed to balance the FY09-10, FY 10-11 budgets. Amendment passed.

Amendment 2: Dee Watkins moved and JoAnne Ramponi seconded to amend the budget to allocate a total of \$300 for LWVUS Council. Amendment passed.

Motion to adopt the Budget as amended passed unanimously.

**Adoption of Positions:** The President called on Linda Moscarella to present the LWVNM positions. Linda Moscarella announced the major issues of the LWVNM positions, a copy of which was in Convention packets.

**Motion: By direction of the board, Linda Moscarella moved the adoption of positions as presented.**

The President asked if there was any discussion and recognized Meredith Machen, president Santa Fe County League, who moved to amend the Education position.

Amendment 1: Meredith Machen moved and Dick Mason seconded to amend the Education position to include the addition of colleges and universities in the third bullet and parents in the fourth bullet. Amendment withdrawn.

Amendment 2: Meredith Machen moved and Dick Mason seconded to amend the Education position, bullet 3 to read “the involvement by members of the community in efforts to improve public pre-school, primary, secondary, and post-secondary education; and in bullet 4 to add “and their parents or caregivers.”

Amendment 2a.: Olin Bray moved and Eileen Longsworth seconded to amend the Education position, bullet 3 to read” improve public education at all levels, and bullet 4 “and their parents or caregivers. Amendment passed by majority vote with 17 yes and 10 no.

Amendment 2, as amended, passed unanimously.

Motion to amend the wording of the Education passed unanimously with two-thirds vote required.

*Revised Education position reads: The League of Women Voters of New Mexico supports:*

- *educational programs that help ensure for all students optimal prospects for success throughout life;*
- *measures to improve the preparation, recruitment, professional development, and retention of quality educators;*
- *the involvement by members of the community in efforts to improve public education at all levels;*
- *the use of health and social service teams in the schools to identify and work with at-risk children and their parents or caregivers with referrals to appropriate community agencies when necessary.*

*[Remainder of position unchanged.]*

Motion to readopt all LWVNM positions, including amended Education position, passed unanimously.

**Adoption of Recommended Study:** The President called on Barbara Calef to propose the continuation of the water study.

**Motion: By direction of the board Barbara Calef moved the adoption of the state water study as presented for continuation for one more year.**

Motion passed unanimously.

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**Consideration of Non-recommended items:** The President called on Marjorie Burr to present the Single-Payer Resolution.

Resolution 1: [Urging] Board of LWVUS Leagues to support single-payer legislation.

**Motion: Marjorie Burr moved and Gayle Prinkey seconded the adoption of a Resolution that urges the Board of LWVUS to allow local and state Leagues to support single payer [health care] legislation.**

Amendment 1: Dick Mason moved and Meredith Machen seconded to amend the resolution to delete the words, “2009 congressional session”, from the last sentence of the resolution. Amendment passed.

Motion to adopt Resolution as amended passed unanimously with two-thirds vote.

The President called on Barbara Calef to present the resolution authorizing the chair of the bylaws committee to make corrections to the bylaws..

Resolution 2: to authorize bylaws committee chair to make certain corrections to the bylaws.

**Motion: Barbara Calef moved and Meredith Machen seconded the adoption of the resolution authorizing the chair of the bylaws committee to make corrections to the bylaws.**

Amendment 1: Dee Watkins moved and JoAnne Ramponi seconded the amendment to delete the words “chairman or chair” in favor of giving responsibility to the “bylaws committee”. Amendment passed.

Amendment 2: Meredith Machen moved and Becky Shankland seconded to strike “upon amendments” from the “Whereas” and “in connection with these proposed bylaw amendments” in the “Resolved” sections of the resolution. Amendment passed.

Amendment 3: Cheryl Haaker moved and Linda Moscarella seconded that the “Whereas” and “Resolved” sections include the same specific wording (e.g., punctuation, grammar, and cross-references). Amendment failed.

Amendment 4: Jan Bray moved and Meredith Machan seconded adding “technical and conforming changes” to the “Whereas” section to conform with wording in the “Resolved” section. Amendment Passed.

Amendment 5: Dick Mason moved and Gayle Prinkey seconded to amend the resolution to include “changes to the bylaws do not go into effect until approved by the Board of LWVNM”. Amendment passed.

Motion to adopt this Resolution passed unanimously with two-thirds vote.

*Revised Resolution reads:*

***RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BYLAWS COMMITTEE TO MAKE CERTAIN CORRECTIONS TO THE BYLAWS***

*WHEREAS, there are often corrections in the article and section designations, punctuation, grammar, cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to the bylaws, be it*

*RESOLVED, that the bylaws committee be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be*

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*necessary to reflect the intent of the membership in connection with these proposed bylaws. Such changes shall not take effect until approved by the Board of Directors.*

**Elections:** The President called on Marnie Leverett, chair, Nominating Committee, who handed the report to the President. The nominees for 2009-2011 include: President – Kathy Campbell; Vice President – Linda Moscarella; Secretary – Jennice Fishburn; Treasurer – Cheryl Haaker; Directors: Action – Dick Mason; Membership – Caroline Jackson; Health – Vicki Simons; Natural Resources – Lora Lucero. Nominating Committee: Becky Shankland, Chair, and Johnnie Aldrich and JoAnne Ramponi, elected members.

The President read the proposed slate of officers and directors, naming each officer and director portfolio and identifying the nominee. She asked for nominees from the floor—there were none.

**Motion: By direction of the committee, Leverett moved that the slate of officers, directors, and the nominating committee be elected.**

Motion passed unanimously. The President declared those individuals elected.

**Privilege of President:** Thank you to all the incoming board members and to those who have signed up for another two years. I look forward to working with you. Before the new board takes over, I'd like to ask all board members from the last two years to stand. As President, I am the presiding officer, but the final decisions and most of the work that goes into preparing those decisions are the work of the board, your representatives. Let us thank them. Delegates seconded this recognition with applause.

**Directions to the Board:**

1. Seek people from Santa Fe to appoint to the Board during this next two-year period in open director portfolios or for project work in order to better balance the representation from the local Leagues. The current board has no one, including the Nominating Committee, from Santa Fe on it except the president.
2. Develop financial policies that include a financial calendar that prompts important financial dates (e.g., budget timetables, fundraising target dates, and other important financial dates), appropriate fund balance and uses of reserve funds, a plan for increasing income and reducing expenditures, and guidelines for investment. *(There were two written requests for this item.)*
3. Continue the strategic planning process, monitor and evaluate objectives including specific responsibilities, timelines, and methods. Share these goals and objective with the membership to involve all in shared vision to support achieving the goals.
4. Appoint a Fund Raising Committee. *(There were two written requests for this item).*
5. Report any changes to the budget that exceed 2%, report each of the two-fiscal years revenue and expenses separately, and seek ways to reduce expenses and increase revenue for the budget just approved.
6. Balance the budget without using reserves
7. Report, in a timely manner, any changes in the bylaws made by the bylaws committee and approved by the Board.
8. Recruit new, younger members.
9. Develop “caucus” or separate small group meetings where in-depth discussions about issues can occur during Convention.
10. Discuss Action Committee recommendations.
11. Announce [legislative] [League] committee meetings
12. Publish short “bios” of nominees for slate of officers and directors.
13. Amend Rules of the Convention so that written Motions have subject, motion, signature, and date on them.



14. Include In-Kind donation amount in year-end Treasurer's Report, and balance in LWVNM Education Fund.
15. Great meeting!

Several board members who are leaving expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the board and encouraged the new board to keep up the good work.

#### Announcements

1. The Silent Auction netted the State League \$866.
2. Following adjournment, the newly elected Board will meet in the hotel restaurant for lunch and meeting.
3. Raffle tickets for the Americana Quilt, offered by LWVGLC, are still available.

Adjournment :11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Burn, Secretary

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**ATTACHMENT**

**LWVNM Convention 2009**

**Delegates**

**State**

Albert, Diane  
Aldrich, Johnnie  
Burn, Bonnie  
Campbell, Katherine, President  
Haaker, Cheryl  
Lucero, Lora  
Mason, Richard  
Moscarella, Linda

**Central New Mexico**

Ash, Shirley  
Bray Jan  
Bray, Olin  
Fishburn, Jennice  
Heide, Susanne (Saturday)  
Heide, Jack (Sunday)  
Hughes, Herb  
Longworth, Eileen  
Prinkey, Gayle Thompson  
Quinn, Therese  
Ramponi, JoAnne  
Stokes, Laura  
Watkins, Delores  
Watkins, Roland  
Wright, Helen

**Greater Las Cruces**

Beckett, Becky  
Burr, Marjorie  
Haltom, Ellen  
Leverett, Marnie  
Little, Christina

**Los Alamos**

Calef, Barbara  
McKay, Michael  
Shankland, Becky

**Santa Fe County**

Larson, Jody  
Machen, Meredith  
Seibel, Molly  
Waldenberg, Adair

**Observers**

Douglas, Karen - CNM  
Heide, Jack – CNM (Saturday)  
Heide, Susanne – CNM (Sunday)  
Mullan, Carolie - LWVUS  
Swartz Marjorie - CNM